Let Dai

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DAI!
DAI...
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN? I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

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HOW COME I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU?
DON'T TELL ME YOU GOT YOURSELF ALL WORKED UP JUST TO ASK ME THAT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? AFTER I LEFT YOUR HOUSE THAT DAY...
ENOUGH!
I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW,
GET OUT OF MY WAY!

O, OH... SORRY.
DO YOU WANNA HANG OUT AFTER SCHOOL?
THPP
DIDN'T I SAY I WAS BUSY?
YO, LET'S GO!

THROB
THROB
THROB
THROB
W WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

your stuff
OVER HERE!
IT'S BEEN AWHILE.
YES, IT HAS...

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
...
FROM YOUR SILENCE, I TAKE IT YOU'VE BEEN DOING GREAT.
ANYWAY, WHY DID YOU WANT TO SEE ME?
HERE!
WHAT'S THIS?
I KNOW IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT I GOT THIS FOR YOU.
YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN OVER-SEAS FOR AWHILE...

I DON'T KNOW WHY I DESERVE A GIFT LIKE THIS.
BESIDES, I THOUGHT WE WERE THROUGH.
DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT?
YES, ESPECIALLY SINCE I DIDN'T HEAR FROM YOU FOR AWHILE.
I JUST NEEDED SOME TIME, THAT'S ALL.
YOU ASK ME TO PROTECT YOU,
AND STAND BY YOU WHATEVER THE SITUATION MAY BE.
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT BY THAT.

I WAS GOING THROUGH SOMETHING AT THE TIME.
ESPECIALLY NOW THAT I LOOK BACK, IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR YOU TO IGNORE WHAT I'D SAID.
ANYWAY, I'M BACK NOW.
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE START NEW?
...
I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN.
OH, EXCUSE ME.
RRR.

HELLO?
HEY, DAI... WHAT'S UP?
DAI...?
HWAHAE HAS THE KEY. WHAT, YOU COULDN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM?
BA-DUMP
OH, OKAY. I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.
BA-DUMP
O. DID HE JUST SAY "DAI?"
I'M SORRY. WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?

WHO WERE YOU JUST TALKING TO?
OH, MY YOUNGER BROTHER.
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
DAI LEE!
WHY?
THAT'S NOT A COMMON AT ALL!
N, NO! IT'S JUST THAT THE NAME SOUNDS SO UNIQUE.
COULD IT MEAN...?
WELL, THAT'S MY FAMILY FOR YOU.
ANYWAY, WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME EARLIER?

...
SURE...
DOES THAT MEAN YOU ACCEPT MY PROPOSAL?
N, NEVER MIND.
DAI LEE?
FORGET ABOUT LUNCH AND LET'S GO!
HEY, WHAT'S FOR LUNCH TODAY?
WHAT ABOUT DAI?

DAI, SOMEONE'S HERE TO SEE YOU.
TELL WHOEVER IT IS TO GET LOST!
YOU HEARD HIM! GET LOST!
WHAT THE..?! DIDN'T YOU HEAR HIM SAY GET LOST?!
HEY, YOU'RE A SOPHOMORE!
DAI!
LET HIM THROUGH.

WHAT?
THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS TO LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING.
I DON'T WANNA BE BUGGED, SO HURRY UP AND GET ON WITH YOUR BUSINESS!
I NEED TO SEE YOU. WE HAVE TO TALK.
WAIT TILL I CALL YOU!

STOP READING, AND LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU.
WHAT, ARE YOU FUCKING CRAZY?!
AT LEAST TELL ME WHY YOU'RE ACTING LIKE THIS.
HOW CAN YOU IGNORE YOUR FEELINGS JUST LIKE THAT?
DO YOU HAVE TO BRING UP THAT KINDA EMBARRASSING SHIT IN PUBLIC?

LISTEN UP.
I DECIDED TO FORGET ABOUT YOU UNTIL WE GRADUATE.
SO, DON'T COME AROUND ME ANYMORE.
W, WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?

NOW
BEAT IT!
!

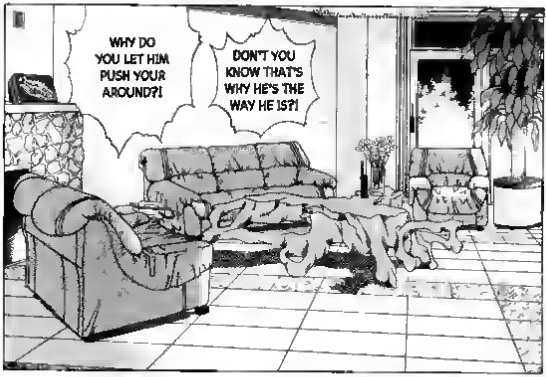
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! TELL ME THIS IS JUST A NIGHTMARE!
THE DEPENDABILITY YOU CONSTANTLY DISPLAY TRULY IS COMMENDABLE, MS. JIN.
YOU ARE TOO KIND, MA'AM. I'M JUST DOING MY JOB, THAT'S ALL.

I IMPLORE YOU, MS. JIN.
HE NEEDS YOUR GUIDANCE.
DAI HAS SUCH A STRONG AND INDEPENDENT PERSONALITY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO FOR HIM.
WELL, THAT'S PRECISELY THE REASON WHY I CAME TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.
.....
I DON'T KNOW WHOM DAI HAS BEFRIENDED, BUT PERHAPS

AH!
SEE TO IT THAT...
CLICK
HMPH!
D, DAI!
WHY AREN'T YOU IN CLASS?
IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT YOU'VE GOT TO BE EVERYONE'S COUNSELOR,
DAI! WHAT'RE YOU...
AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA TRY TO BE A SPY?

SHIP
MS. JIN, HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE OFF THAT LITTLE MASK NOW?
I SUGGEST YOU BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF AND MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
BEFORE YOU TRY TO CHIP AWAY AT SOMEONE AS OBTUSE LIKE A ROCK AS ME INTO A WHEEL THAT YOU CAN TURN AT YOUR WHIM.
THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS.
THE DAY WILL COME WHEN YOU'LL REALIZE THE FOLLY OF YOUR HEART.
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME. ONLY A UNPREDICTABLE CLIMATE OF THE WORLD CAN CHIP AWAY AT SOMEONE LIKE ME.
DAII

HOW IS IT THAT YOU'RE A REGULAR CHATTERBOX AT SCHOOL WHEN YOU'RE AS QUIET AS A MOUSE AT HOME?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP THIS UGLY CHARADE OF YOURS, MOM?
WHY, YOU INSOLENT...!
TRY TO STAY CALM, MOM. OTHERWISE, THE FAT ON YOUR BODY WILL START TO JIGGLING QUITE NAUSEOUSLY BY YOUR QUIVERING.
DA! LEE! HOW DARE YOU TALK TO YOUR MOTHER THAT WAY?!
OH, WHERE DID I GO WRONG WITH HIM?!


WHY DO YOU LET HIM PUSH YOUR AROUND?!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT'S WHY HE'S THE WAY HE IS?!

I ALSO GOT THAT LITTLE TEACHER OF DAI'S TO TALK ABOUT JAEHEE THIS AFTERNOON.
I'VE GOT TO BE HONEST, HE DIDN'T SOUND ALL THAT BAD.

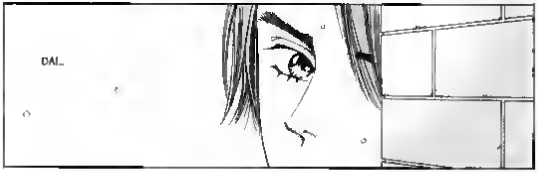
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING WHEN HE'S CARRYING ON WITH THAT UNSPEAKABLE ACT OF HIS?!
IF ANYTHING, WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO SET THEM STRAIGHT! IF I EVEN GET AN INKLING OF SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, I SWEAR IT'LL BE ALL OVER FOR THEM!
I PROMISE TO TAKE CARE OF DAI, SO LEAVE HIM TO ME.
WHY DON'T YOU TURN IN? YOU MIGHT WAKE THE KIDS UP.
WHERE IS DAI?
I'M SURE HE'S ASLEEP. IT'S 3AM.

RRRR
RRP
RRP

Shit!
YAY~! LUNCHTIME!
RRRRING
DAMN, WHY ARE THE CLASSES SO HARD TODAY?
FORGET IT. LET'S JUST EAT.

ANYWAY, WHERE'S JAEHEE?
DUNNO. I SAW HIM RUNNING OFF TO SOMEWHERE, THOUGH.
THMP
THMP
THMP

HUFF
HUFF


DAI...

ARE YOU GOING TO START DISTANCING YOURSELF FROM ME LIKE BEFORE?

THEN WHY...?
THEN WHY?!
WHY, YOU WORTHLESS TRASH! HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?!

NOW THAT YOU KNOW YOUR DESPICABLE ACTIONS HAVE LED TO A SUICIDE OF AN INNOCENT GIRL OUT OF HUMILIATION AND RENDERED HER ENTIRE FAMILY UTTERLY HOPELESS...
HOW DOES IT FEEL?
THWACK
ANSWER ME, YOU SORRY EXCUSE OF HUMAN BEINGS!
DAMMIT! I SWEAR, IT WASN'T US!
WE DIDN'T DO IT!
YOU DARE LIE TO ME NOW?!
KRACK

YOU CAN'T EVEN PROVE IT! WHAT EVIDENCE DO YOU HAVE AGAINST US?!
"EVIDENCE?!" "EVIDENCE." MY ASS!
I GUESS YOU'RE NOT THAT STUPID SEEING AS HOW YOU KNOW WHAT AN EVIDENCE IS.
TELL ME, THEN! DO I LOOK LIKE I'M PLAYING AROUND WITH YOU?
WE'RE INNOCENT! WHY DON'T YOU BELIEVE US?!
WHY, YOU LITTLE...!
I WANT THE TRUTH NOW, YOU BASTARDS!
SIR, PLEASE STOP.
WE CONFESS. IT'S ALL TRUE.

I KNEW IT, YOU SICK PERVERTS!
OH, THERE YOU GO...
SHUT UP!
KRACK
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH!

JAEHEE YOO, NARU HAG!! REPORT TO THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE AFTER CLASS!
HUH?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I DON'T KNOW.

JAEHEE LEE! GOOHEE JANG! HAGI NARU! WHY WEREN'T YOU THREE AT THE ASSEMBLY THE OTHER DAY?
JUST BECAUSE IT'S A MERE ASSEMBLY DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN SKIP, DOES IT?
NO, SIR!
THEN, TELL ME THE REASON WHY YOU WEREN'T PRESENT.
I WENT TO VISIT MY SICK FATHER AT THE HOSPITAL.
WITH MY MOM BEING SICK, I WENT TO LOOK AFTER HER STORE.

CIGARETTE!
THEN JAEHEE, GOOHEE...
WHAT WAS BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS AT THE RAILROAD TRACKS THE OTHER DAY?
IF I RECALL, IT WAS A SLENDER AND WHITE OBJECT...
HE MUST'VE SEEN US WITH THE CIGARETTE.
DAMN IT!
ANSWER ME, YOU PUNKS!
YES, SIR!
IT WAS A PIECE OF CHALK, SIR!

WHAT...?
THE WITTY RESPONSE OF GOOHEE BROUGHT LIGHT INTO THE OFFICE WITHIN WHICH ONLY FRIGID SILENCE RESIDED JUST A MOMENT AGO
HAHAHA
SNICKER SNICKER
PEOPLE, PLEASE!
OH, MS. JIN? THE VICE PRINCIPAL WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU.
AH... YES.

ALL OF YOU... DESPITE THE OBVIOUS INFRACTION,
SINCE YOU WERE CLEVER ENOUGH TO MAKE ME LAUGH...
GIP

YOU WILL NOT BE PUNISHED!
HOWEVER, YOU MUST PROMISE THAT IT WILL NOT HAPPEN EVER AGAIN!
I WILL NOT BE SO LENIENT THE NEXT TIME I CATCH YOU WITH A CIGARETTE.

THANK YOU, SIR!
SOMETHING S WRONG HERE. IF THIS WAS REALLY ABOUT THE INCIDENT AT THE RAILROAD TRACKS, WE SHOULD'VE BEEN REPRIMANDED A LONG TIME AGO.
AN OMINOUS ANXIETY SETTLED OVER MY HEART WHERE A FEELING OF RELIEF SHOULD'VE BEEN

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU STOP STALLING...
AND START TELLING THE TRUTH?
THOSE THREE ARE THE ONES THAT ATTACKED ME, AREN'T THEY?
.....
DESPITE YOUR WISHES, THEY WILL BE REPRIMANDED TO THE FULLEST.
WHY ARE YOU SO INSISTENT UPON PUNISHING THEM?
SIR, DON'T YOU HAVE EVEN AN OUNCE OF CONSCIENCE?
I MUST SAY, I'M QUITE TAKEN ABACK BY YOUR IMPUDENCE.

I MUST WARN YOU... I WILL NOT JUST SIT THERE AND WATCH YOU PUNISH THEM IF YOU EVER DECIDE TO DO SO!
MS. JIN, EXACTLY WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
AND SINCE WHEN DID YOU HAVE SUCH ANIMOSITY TOWARDS ME?
BESIDES, WHAT LEVERAGE DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A THREAT?
THEY'RE BRAZEN ENOUGH TO ATTACK THEIR OWN VICE PRINCIPAL, AND YET DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE A MERE SIT-DOWN IS GOING TO CHANGE THE WAY THEY ARE?
DON'T YOU KNOW THEIR PRESENCE AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT ALONE IS GROUNDS FOR PUNISHMENT?
GO AHEAD AND TRY! LET'S SEE IF PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE THE WORDS OF THE ONE WHO IS RUMORED TO BE OVERLY PROTECTIVE OF HER KIDS.
LIKE I SAID, I WILL NOT STAND BY IDLY!

I SAY THIS AGAIN; I'VE NEVER HAD THIS CONVERSATION WITH YOU. LET'S SEE WHO PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BELIEVE.
PERHAPS THIS WILL HELP YOU REALIZE,
EXACTLY HOW IT FEELS TO BE AN OUTCAST.
IN THE END, IT'S GOING TO BE YOU WHO WILL REVEAL THE TRUE NATURE OF THOSE KIDS.
SIR... YOU REALLY ARE A VILE, VINDICTIVE HUMAN BEING.

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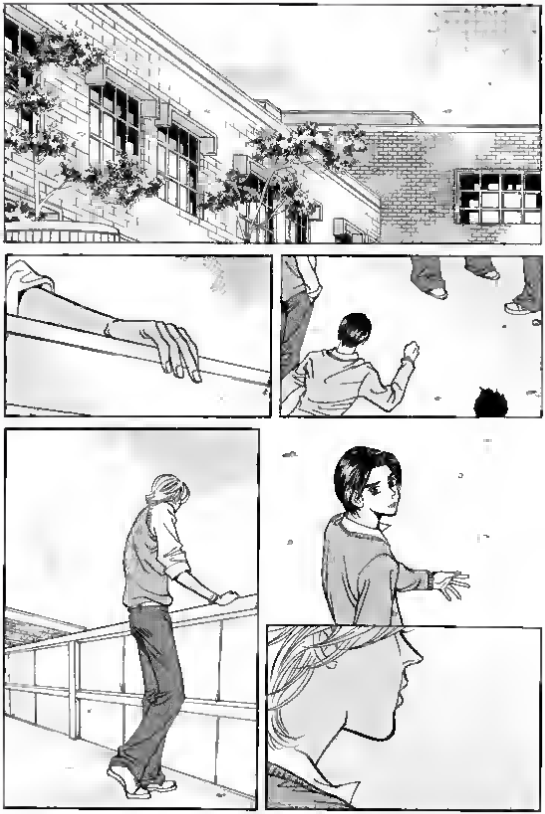

MAN, THAT WAS JUST TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT. I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE OUR VICE PRINCIPAL REMEMBERED US FROM THAT DAY...
WE NEVER KNOW. AFTER ALL, WE ALL HEARD HOW UNFORGIVING HE CAN BE.

I HEARD HE ISN'T AFRAID TO CHANGE HIS DEMEANOR EVEN TOWARDS SOMEONE HE LIKES IF HE DOESN'T GET HIS WAY.
IN THE END, HE RENDERS THAT PERSON AN OUTCAST.
AFTER ALL... WE ALL KNOW HOW MUCH HE ADORED MS. JIN AT FIRST.
BUT NOW, YOU DON'T EVEN SEE THEM TOGETHER ANYMORE LET ALONE TALKING TO EACH OTHER.

WHAT A PATHETIC HUMAN BEING!
YEAH!
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?! IF ANYTHING, YOU GUYS SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT GETTING SUSPENDED INSTEAD OF MULLING OVER RUMORS!
IF I GET SUSPENDED AGAIN, MY FATHER'S GOING TO HAVE ME KICKED OUT!
MY LIFE AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WILL BE ALL OVER THEN!
GOOHEE, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIKED SCHOOL THAT MUCH.

I KNOW IT MAY SOUND STRANGE COMING FROM ME, BUT WE ALL SHOULD ENJOY BEING STUDENTS
AT LEAST PEOPLE WON'T THINK YOU'RE STUPID.
A RATHER STRANGE PHILOSOPHY WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
IF I GET SUSPENDED, I'M GOING TO WORK PART-TIME TO HELP PAY FOR MY FATHER'S HOSPITAL BILLS.
HEY, YOUR FATHER'S STILL IN THE HOSPITAL?
I KNOW IT'S SILLY, BUT I THINK HE'S BECOMING WORSE NOW THAT HE'S CONFINED AT THE HOSPITAL.
IT FEELS AS IF HE'LL BE BACK TO HIS OLD SELF ONCE HE'S RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT'S BECAUSE HE ISN'T DOING TOO WELL THAT HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL.
DON'T WORRY. AS SOON AS HE GETS WELL, HE WILL BE RELEASED.
...
I FORGOT HOW THE BURDEN ON NARU S FAMILY WILL EXPONENTIALLY INCREASE SHOULD HE GET SUSPENDED, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING HIS FATHER S CURRENT CONDITION
FURTHERMORE THIS MIGHT BE GOOHEE S LAST CHANCE AT GRADUATION

WHAT'S WORSE IS THAT A SUSPENSION WILL SURELY DESTROY WHAT LITTLE NORMALCY MY MOM AND I ARE ONLY BEGINNING TO RECOVER.
IN THE END, ALL OF US HAD SOMETHING TO LOSE OVER A SUSPENSION
THE BURDEN AND ANXIETY PLACED UPON TEENAGERS HAVE TO BE DEEPER AND MORE PROFOUND THAN THOSE PLACED UPON ADULTS ON A DAILY BASIS.
SLOWLY BUT SURELY .. THE FALL SEASON MARKED BY MY LOSS OF DAI, BEGAN RESIDING OVER THE LANDSCAPE
MOVE! I SAID, MOVE!
THMP
THMP
THMP
MOVE OR WE'LL KILL YOU!
H, HEY!

WHAT'S WITH THEM?
I'VE BEEN SEEING A LOT OF THEM LATELY.
BUT WHAT'RE THEY DOING IN SOPHOMORE CLASSES?
I HEARD THOSE FRESHMEN CONQUERED THE GOO-ROH REGION RECENTLY IN A GANG FIGHT.
I THINK THEY'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.
I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT ALL FRESHMEN RUN AND HIDE AS SOON AS HE IS FOUND IN THE VICINITY. THAT'S WHY THEY DUBBED HIM AS THE "SKUNK."
THE MERE SMELL OF HIM STRIKES FEAR INTO THOSE AROUND HIM.
YOU MEAN THE CHEMICAL?
ON TOP OF THAT, HE CALLS HIMSELF "DAI-OXIN."
NO, THEY SAY HE ADMIRES DAI LEE. THUS "DAI-OXIN."
WHO? DAI LEE?

ANYWAY, DAI'S BEEN QUIET EVER SINCE HE TRANSFERRED TO OUR SCHOOL. MAYBE THAT'S THE REASON WHY PUNKS LIKE THEM ARE RUNNING AROUND SO FREELY.
I HEAR ABOUT DAI EVERYWHERE..
BESIDES, NOT MANY HAVE ACTUALLY SEEN DAI GET INTO A FIGHT RECENTLY.
THEN WHY'S HE SO NOTORIOUS?
DAI'S "UNLEASHING OF PAIN" INCIDENT IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE OF A LEGEND BY DAY.
WHAT'S STRANGE IS THAT..
WHAT'S THAT..?
HE SUPPOSEDLY BEAT UP 50 OF THE UPPERCLASSMEN BY HIMSELF WHILE HE WAS ONLY A FRESHMAN.
THE THING IS THAT HE CAME OUT UNSCATHED AS IF HE HADN'T BEEN FIGHTING AT ALL. NOT EVEN A SINGLE SCRATCH, FROM WHAT I HEARD
WOW ..
AFTER ALL, ONLY SUCH A FEAT IS DESERVING OF LEGENDARY STATUS

YEAH, I GUESS.
SINCE THEN, EVERYONE WANTS TO BE DAI'S FRIEND, NOT FOE.
WHY'RE WE TALKING LIKE THIS IN A BATHROOM, OF ALL PLACES? LET'S GO!
SUCH STORIES REGARDING DAI DIFFERS FROM THE DAI I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW
IS HE STILL HERE?
I'M SURE HE'S GONE BY NOW
LIKE THE FLOWING WATER THAT SLIPS THROUGH MY FINGERS,
YOU CONTINUE TO SLIP AWAY FROM ME EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE NEAR ME DAI
PERHAPS THAT'S WHY I LONG FOR YOU TO A POINT WHERE MY HEART ACHES AT THE THOUGHT OF YOU.
JAEHEE, THERE YOU ARE!
SLAM
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!

NARU...?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YONGPIL TOLD ME THAT THE SCHOOL MIGHT CONSIDER SUSPENDING US, INCLUDING GOOHEE!
HE TOLD ME HE OVERHEARD SUCH TALKS COMING OUT OF THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE!
NO WAY!
COULD IT REALLY BE TRUE?

WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN BETWEEN US AND THE VICE PRINCIPAL?
YOU KNOW THEY CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING!
FPANG
FPANG
STOP WORRYING ABOUT IT. AFTER ALL, WE HAVEN'T BEEN SUSPENDED YET.
TO BE HONEST, I HOPE THEY'LL SUSPEND ME.
THAT WAY, I CAN GET A PART-TIME JOB...
NARU?
IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING, IS YOUR FATHER IN THAT SERIOUS OF A CONDITION?
...
OUR TEACHER MUST BE LOOKING ALL OVER FOR US, WHAT WITH THE CLASS BEING ALMOST OVER.
LET'S JUST REST HERE FOR A SEC.
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WHAT'RE YOU STARING AT SO INTENTLY?
.....
EH?
I MET UP WITH SEHEE YESTERDAY AND VISITED THE PLAYGROUND EUNHYUNG USED TO FREQUENT.
I ALSO CONVINCED HER TO GIVE ME A PICTURE OF EUNHYUNG.

REALLY?! LET ME SEE THAT!
HEY, BE CAREFUL! YOU MIGHT WRINKLE IT!
GRAB!
DOESN'T SHE LOOK SO PRETTY?
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I HAD TO BEG SEHEE TO COUGH IT UP.
IT'S EUNHYUNG BEFORE HER HAIRCUT
THIS IS HOW SHE WAS WHEN I FIRST MET HER.
SHE STOOD OUT AMONGST SEHEE AND HER OTHER CROWD BECAUSE SHE SEEMED LIKE SHE DIDN'T BELONG.

I FEEL LIKE CRYING
ALL OF A SUDDEN
MY COMPASSION FOR
ENHYUNG CLOUDS
MY EYES LIKE A SMIR
AT THE TIME YOU
TOOK THIS PICTURE...
WHEN YOU WERE
SMILING FAINTLY IN
THIS PICTURE
I WAS SEARCHING AND
WANDERING ABOUT...
TO FIND DAI.

SLAM!
WHAT THE...?! I GUESS WE WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES SKIPPING CLASS.
SO THERE YOU ARE! I MUST SAY, YOU MAKE A HELL OF AN IDIOTIC COUPLE!

AN "IDIOTIC COUPLE?"
HE CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT US. AFTER ALL, THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE ONLY FRESHMEN
AT ANY RATE, HE SURE LOOKS MEAN.
DIDN'T YOU FUCKERS HEAR ME?

I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THIS IS GOING.
YEAH..
NARU HAGI! DIDN'T YOUR MOM EVER TEACH YOU HOW TO REPLY TO PEOPLE?
!!
YOU! HOW DARE YOU TALK TO AN UPPERCLASSMAN THAT WAY?!
KER-KRACK
UPPERCLASSMAN, MY ASS! WHO GIVES A FUCK?!
*IN KOREAN SOCIETY, THE YOUNGER ARE ALWAYS TAUGHT TO SHOW RESPECT TO THE OLDER, ESPECIALLY IN SCHOOL.

THWOMP
NARU!
IS THE DOOR LOCKED?
WE CAN'T FIGHT HIM !!
IS THIS KID THE DAI-OXIN

LET'S GET STARTED, SHALL WE?
YOU!
AH!
EXACTLY WHY ARE YOU GUYS DOING THIS?
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT PUT UP THOSE STUPID POSTERS AT MY BROTHER'S SCHOOL, AREN'T YOU?
THANKS TO YOU, MY BROTHER'S BEEN SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY.
ON TOP OF THAT, I HEARD THAT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE MESSED WITH HIM. IMAGINE MY SURPRISE WHEN I FOUND OUT THE ENEMY AND I ACTUALLY WENT TO THE SAME SCHOOL..

WHAT SUCKS FOR YOU IS THAT MY BROTHER AND I ARE VERY CLOSE.
YOUR BROTHER IS A MEMBER OF THE FURIES GANG?
THAT EXPLAINS A LOT. AFTER ALL, ONLY A SCUM WOULD LET HIS YOUNGER BROTHER TURN OUT THIS WAY.
WHY, YOU...!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
YOU'RE ONLY MAKING THINGS WORSE.

WILL YOU LOOK AT THIS...?
I'M WARNING YOU; WE WON'T JUST SIT HERE AND TAKE IT IF YOU DECIDE TO CONTINUE.
HEY, SHE'S CUTE! I CAN ACTUALLY SEE MYSELF WITH HER.
DON'T YOU TOUCH THAT!
GIVE IT HERE!
IS THIS YOU, BITCH OR SOMETHING?
I SAID, DON'T TOUCH THAT! GIVE IT TO ME!

RRRRIP
EUNHYUNG...
EUNHYUNG...
WAAAAH!

WHERE'S YOO AND HIS GIRLFRIEND?
DON'T WORRY, IT WON'T START FOR ANOTHER 30 MINUTES.
THIS PLACE WILL BE PACKED ONCE IT STARTS.
WHILE WE WERE IN A BLOODY FIGHT IN THE GYM...
THE PIECES OF ENHYUNG WERE TRAMPLED AND TORN UNDER OUR FEET
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO NERVOUS. YOU'LL GET USED TO IT ONCE YOU KEEP ATTENDING THESE FUNCTIONS WITH ME.
SOON YOONEUN FOUND HERSELF AT BEING INTRODUCED INTO A WORLD WHERE ONLY THE ELITE OF THIS SOCIETY INHABIT
ALL THE WHILE OUR PRECIOUS YOUTH WERE BEING RIPPED APART...

BRING IT ON, YOU BASTARDS!
DO YOU DARE TOUCH EUNHYUNG AGAIN?!
BWSSSH
THWOM!

HUFF! HUFF!
I BECAME BEYOND INFURIATED EVEN MORE SO THAN NARU, AT THE SIGHT OF EUNHYUNG'S PICTURE BEING RIPPED APART
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
TALK IS CHEAP, PUNK! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE FOR ME TO FUCK YOU UP?
EUNHYUNG WAS NOT TO BE HARMED IN ANYWAY BY ANYONE. LET ALONE WHILE WE'RE WATCHING.
NARU, TODAY WE DIE!
JAEHEE, I DON'T THINK THEY'RE PLANNING TO GO AWAY SOON.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

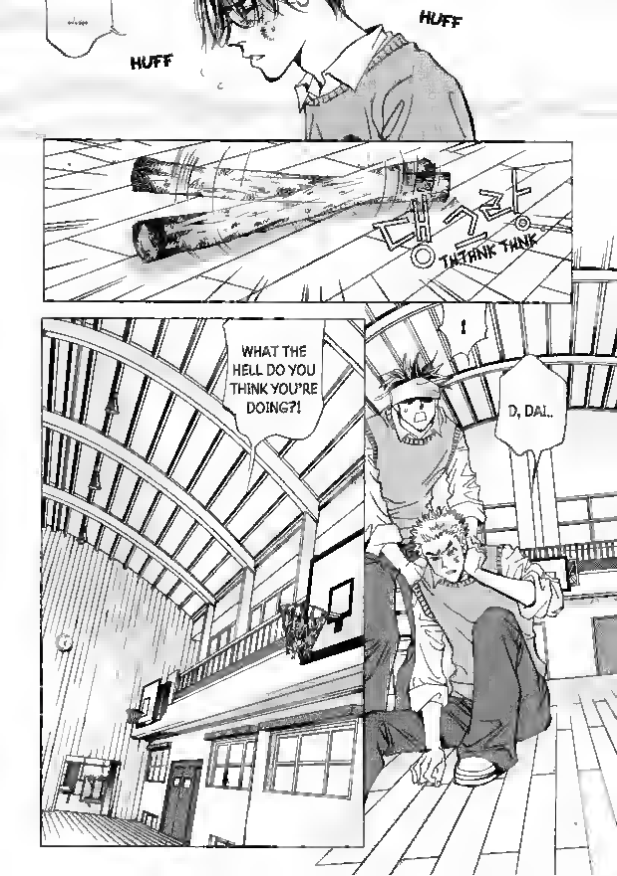
WHAT?
THEY'LL CONTINUE TO BOTHER US IF WE ARE TO GIVE IN TO THEM.
TRUST ME WHEN I SAY THEY'RE THAT VINDICTIVE.
IF THIS IS BECAUSE OF ME, THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS!
I'M SORRY BUT I'M SO MAD THAT I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF..
ARE YOU TWO IN HERE ON A DATE? WHAT'RE YOU WHISPERING ABOUT?
COME ON! LET'S GO, PUNKS!

I SAY WE GET THIS PARTY STARTED ALREADY.
THEY MUST BE OUT OF THEIR MINDS! WHO DO THEY THINK THEY ARE?
KRACK KRACK
쿠다탕
KER-KRASH THWOMP
KRACK
JAEHEE! ARE YOU OKAY?!
I, I'M FINE
IT'S NOW TIME THAT I UNLEASH HELL ON YOU BASTARDS...

YEAH!
LET'S GO!
THKLINK
KRACK
BETTER START
PRAYING!

KRAK/KRACK
THWACK
THWACK
KRICK

SO, "UPPER-CLASSMEN..." IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?
HUFF HUFF
HUFF
HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF
I CAN'T OPEN MY EYES! THOSE DESPICABLE PUNKS! THEY'RE INTENTIONALLY ATTACKING OUR EYES SO THAT WE CAN'T SEE!
FWSSSH
FWSSSH
HERE COMES THE KNOCKOUT BLOW!
THWOMP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THINK THINK
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
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D, DAI..

I SEE THAT ALL THE TROUBLEMAKERS ARE HERE.. ISN'T THAT NICE?

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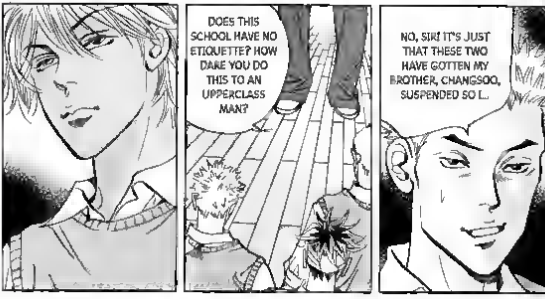
I SEE THAT ALL THE TROUBLEMAKERS ARE HERE... ISN'T THAT NICE?

D, DAL..?


DOES THIS SCHOOL HAVE NO ETIQUETTE? HOW DARE YOU DO THIS TO AN UPPERCLASS MAN?
NO, SIR! IT'S JUST THAT THESE TWO HAVE GOTTEN MY BROTHER, CHANGSOO, SUSPENDED SO I...

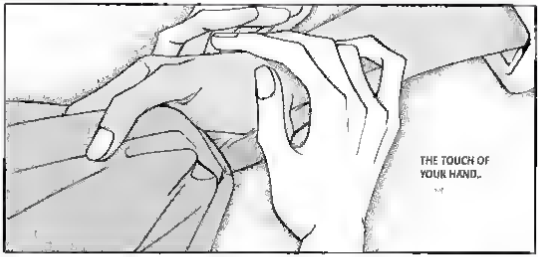
KRA-KRACK
THESE ARE MY FRIENDS!
M, MYUNGSOO! ARE YOU OKAY?!
...!
...
YOU...
SIR, WHY'RE YOU DOING THIS TO US?!

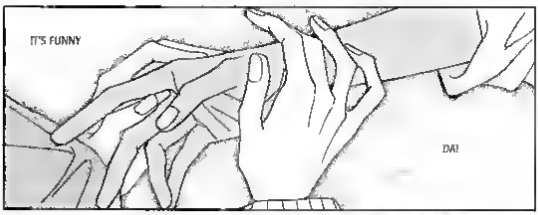
OPEN YOUR EYES
WHO THE F%%K DID THIS TO YOU?!
WHO DID THIS TO HIM?!
NO, DAI!
DON'T DO IT!
YOU WANT TO END UP LIKE THEM, TOO?!
BLAM!

THWACK!!!
AAH!
TWACK
TWACK

DESPITE MY EMOTIONS
TEARS BEGAN FLOWING AS
THE PAIN BECAME UNBEARABLE
THWACK
KRACK
MY DESIRE TO OPEN MY EYES ONLY LEADS TO MORE TEARS AS THE SEARING PAIN OVERWHELMS MY BODY
HOW WILL I GET THIS SITUATION UNDER CONTROL NOW THAT IT'S GOTTEN A LOT WORSE THAN IT SHOULD'VE BEEN?
HAS DAI BEEN PUSHED OVER THE EDGE?
THE TEACHERS ARE SURE TO SHOW UP ANYTIME NOW
LET'S GO!
ALL OF A SUDDEN, I FELT DAI'S HANDS GRABBING ME BY THE COLLAR

DAI! SLOW DOWN, WILL YOU?
YOU CAN'T JUST DRAG ME OUT OF HERE!
LET GO OF ME FIRST!
HEY! DAI LEE!
YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT...
...
HOW COULD YOU STAND THERE AND GET HIT TO A POINT WHERE YOU CAN'T EVEN OPEN YOUR EYES?
TO HEAR YOUR VOICE
ADDRESSING ME...



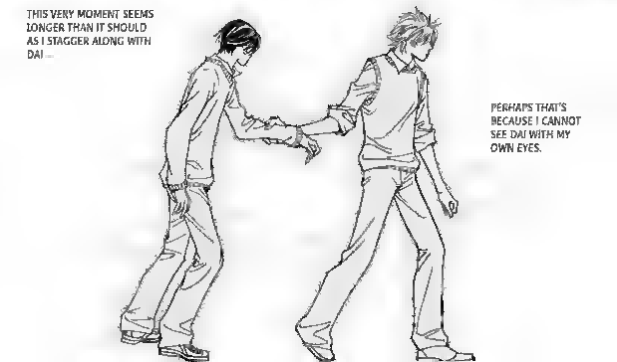


IT NO LONGER MATTERS WHETHER
THAT IS

OUR YOUTH...

OR OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

LET GO! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
STOP MESSING AROUND AND JUST FOLLOW ME!


THIS VERY MOMENT SEEMS LONGER THAN IT SHOULD AS I STAGGER ALONG WITH DAI...
PERHAPS THAT'S BECAUSE I CANNOT SEE DAI WITH MY OWN EYES.

OH, MY!
HOW DID YOU GET ALL THESE BRUISES?! WHO DID THIS TO YOU?!
IT BURNS SO MUCH THAT I CANNOT OPEN MY EYES. THE PAIN IS JUST INTOLERABLE.
"Everything will
meet the best
20%
LET'S SEE... TRY TO SLOWLY OPEN YOUR EYES.

HE CRIED A LOT, TOO. PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM SO THAT HE CAN MAKE A FULL RECOVERY.
PLEASE STAY.
WAIT! WHAT GRADE AND CLASS ARE YOU IN?
TELL ME EXACTLY HOW HE ENDED UP LIKE THIS.
DON'T LEAVE, DAII DAII
HEY! WAIT!
SLAM!

GOSH! WHAT'S WITH THAT KID?!
PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE OF THE PAIN IN MY EYES OR THE SORROW THAT RESIDED OVER MY HEART BUT I COULDN'T STOP THE TEARS FROM FLOWING FREELY
I SEE YOU CAN'T STOP CRYING
LET ME TAKE A LOOK ... YOU NEED TO TRY TO OPEN YOUR EYES. I JUST HOPE YOU HAVEN'T SUFFERED SERIOUS DAMAGE.
DOES IT STILL HURT?
NO, MA'AM. I'M ALRIGHT NOW.
I THINK THE CRYING IS HELPING TO EASE THE PAIN

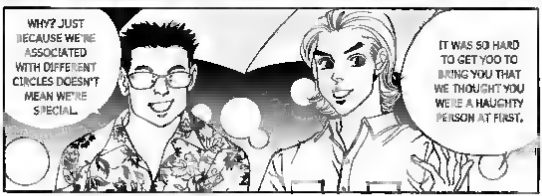
HERE... LAY DOWN AND SEE IF WE CAN GET YOU SOME REST.
LAY DOWN RIGHT HERE.
TRY TO RELAX. I'LL GET AN OPTOMETRIST RIGHT AWAY.
materials
creative
FINE, THEN LET'S SEE HOW THE SUPERINTENDENT WILL REACT WHEN I BRING THIS TO HIS ATTENTION.
SIR, WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
I SHOULD ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION! AS I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, THE STUDENT AFFAIRS HAVE RULED IN MY FAVOR!
YOU WOULDN'T DARE! BESIDES, DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE FOR YOU HERE EVEN AFTER THROWING THE SCHOOL IN SUCH TURMOIL?!
JUST TRY IT!

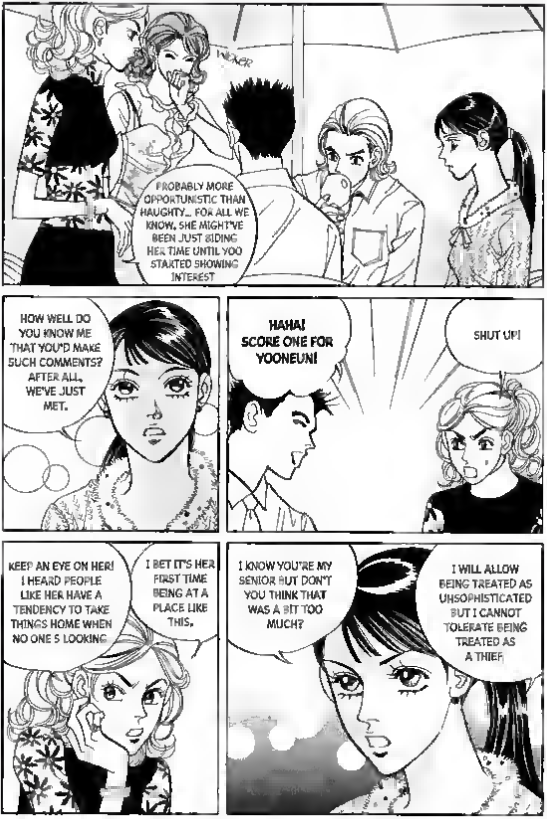
JUST BECAUSE I ADORED YOU ONCE
DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN GO AROUND CAUSING SUCH TROUBLE.
!
DAI

HE WENT OVER THE LINE THIS TIME! HOWCAN HE BRING SOMEONE LIKE HER?
WHO CARES? IT'S NOT LIKE SHE S A FROSTITUTE OR ANYTHING. BESIDES, AFTER HE SATISFIES HIS CURIOSITY, HE'LL COME BACK TO US.
BUT TODAY'S PARTY IS SPECIAL! IT'S ALMOST LIKE A FAMILY FUNCTION, FOR GOD'S SAKE!
DON'T TELL ME YOU STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR YOO LEE.
OF COURSE NOT!
THEN WHY ARE YOU OBSESSING OVER THE GIRL HE BROUGHT?

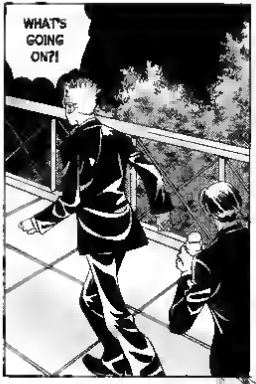
DID YOU EVEN NOTICE WHAT SHE WAS WEARING? THEY'RE STORE-BOUGHT, FOR GOD'S SAKE!
I SWEAR, I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND YOO.
IT'S YOONEUN, RIGHT? WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU.
IT'S BEEN REALLY HARD TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE, THOUGH

N, NOT AT ALL.
IT'S JUST THAT I'M NOT USED TO THESE SURROUNDINGS...


WHY? JUST BECAUSE WE'RE ASSOCIATED WITH DIFFERENT CIRCLES DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE SPECIAL.
IT WAS SO HARD TO GET YOO TO BRING YOU THAT WE THOUGHT YOU WERE A HAUGHTY PERSON AT FIRST.


WEAK
PROBABLY MORE OPPORTUNISTIC THAN HAUGHTY... FOR ALL WE KNOW, SHE MIGHT'VE BEEN JUST BIDING HER TIME UNTIL YOO STARTED SHOWING INTEREST
HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ME THAT YOU'D MAKE SUCH COMMENTS? AFTER ALL, WE'VE JUST MET.
HAHA! SCORE ONE FOR YOONEUN!
SHUT UP!
KEEP AN EYE ON HER! I HEARD PEOPLE LIKE HER HAVE A TENDENCY TO TAKE THINGS HOME WHEN NO ONE'S LOOKING.
I BET IT'S HER FIRST TIME BEING AT A PLACE LIKE THIS.
I KNOW YOU'RE MY SENIOR BUT DON'T YOU THINK THAT WAS A BIT TOO MUCH?
I WILL ALLOW BEING TREATED AS UNSOPHISTICATED BUT I CANNOT TOLERATE BEING TREATED AS A THIEF.

WHAT'S WITH YOU TWO? YOU GUYS ARE KILLING THE MOOD.
BESIDES, HER NEW FACE IS A WELCOMING CHANGE FROM ALL THE OLD FACES.
SHUT UP!
DO YOU REMEMBER THE POPULAR ACTRESS WITH THE BIG EYES TAEWOO S BEEN TALKING ABOUT?
HE'S ALREADY MADE A MOVE ON HER. I SWEAR, HE HAS A THING FOR ACTRESSES.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT YOONEUN?
SHE'S PRETTY ENOUGH BUT I DON'T THINK SHE'S WORTH THE TROUBLE.
BESIDES, DON'T YOU HAVE PLENTY OF GIRLS LIKE HER AROUND YOU? AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE MOST POPULAR ONE AMONG ALL THE GUYS.
KER KRASH
YOU STUPID BITCH! GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE NOW!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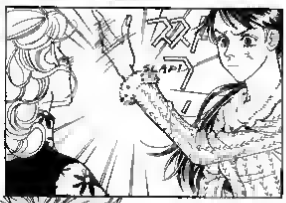
SLAP!


SLAP!

THAT'S ENOUGH! DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE GONE QUIET OVER THE LINE ALREADY?!
AFTER ALL, IT WAS YOU WHO THREW WATER AT HER FACE!
BUT SHE WAS THE ONE THAT BEGAN TREATING ME AS IF I'M INFERIOR!

YOONEUN, WHAT'S GOING ON?!

ARE ALL YOUR FRIENDS AS PATHETIC AND SHALLOW AS THESE PEOPLE?!
...

PLEASE SAVE ME FROM THIS HELLHOLE.
YOU SAID YOU'D BE ON MY SIDE... NO MATTER WHAT.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...
YOU WORTHLESS CUNT

WHY'RE YOU HESITATING? I WILL NOT TOLERATE BEING PUBLICLY HUMILIATED BY ANYONE LET ALONE YOUR FRIENDS!
LEAD ME OUT OF HERE LIKE A GENTLEMAN ALREADY!
WHETHER I LIKE IT OR NOT, YOU'RE STILL PLAYING WITH MY EMOTIONS... PLEASE DON'T THINK I DIDN'T NOTICE YOUR HEART BEING SOMEWHERE ELSE EVEN THOUGH YOUR BODY MAY BE HERE WITH ME.
TO BE HONEST, YOUR DEMEANOR TOWARDS ME CHANGED EVER SINCE YOU FOUND OUT THAT DAI WAS MY LITTLE BROTHER.

I EVEN HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING THE ONE YOU CARE FOR, THAT FRIEND OF DAI'S. SO EXACTLY WHY ARE YOU HERE WITH ME?
WHAT'S WITH THE COLD STARE? COME PROTECT ME FROM THESE PEOPLE ALREADY!
IF YOU ONLY KNEW MY INTEREST IN YOU IS PURELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF MY PRIDE...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO GET LOST?! YOU REALLY HAVE NO SHAME, DO YOU?!
I KNOW THE WAY OUT SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE ME.
PERHAPS YOU'RE UNDER THE WRONG IMPRESSION. BUT THIS IS MY FATHER'S HOTEL. IN OTHER WORDS THIS IS OUR HOME!
THAT'S ENOUGH!

YOO...
LET'S TRY NOT TO ACT LIKE WE'RE BETTER THAN EVERYONE JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE TRUST FUNDS.
LISTEN UP EVERYONE!
YOONEUN AND I ARE OFFICIALLY DATING.
SO I WILL BE FORCED TO STAY AWAY FROM ALL OF YOU IF YOU DECIDE TO TREAT HER IN SUCH DEMEANING MANNER.
LET'S GO, YOONEUN.
YOO!
YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE!

I'M SORRY I JUST HOPE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS DON'T TURN BITTER.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM OFF LIKE THAT. OTHERWISE, THEY'LL CONTINUE TO BOTHER YOU
UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF THEM HAVE THIS ELITIST VIEW THAT CANNOT BE CHANGED. NOT ALL OF THEM ARE LIKE THAT, OF COURSE.
THE GIRL THAT I GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH...
SHE SEEMED TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN YOU.
HUH?

SHE SEEMED TO LOOK AT YOU IN A DIFFERENT WAY. PERHAPS THAT'S WHY SHE KEPT PICKING ON ME.
...
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT.
FROM NOW ON WE'LL JUST FOCUS ON US WHENEVER WE'RE TOGETHER.
I WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT LITTLE TIME WE GET TO SPEND WITH EACH OTHER.
I MUST SAY, YOU HANDLED YOURSELF QUITE NICELY BACK THERE.
WHO, ME?
ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR PROMISE.
HMM
COME ON.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT IS MY DUTY TO HAVE SUCH CONSIDERATION FOR YOU.
WHAT?
N, NOTHING.
FOR A MOMENT THERE, HE SINCERELY LOOKED DAZZLING.
I WONDER IF I WAS UNFAIR IN MY PRESUMPTION OF HIM ALL THIS TIME

Hae
TSK,
TSK..

HEY, DAI!
DAI! WAKE UP!
...!
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
GULP GULP
H, HEY!
I DIDN'T WAKE YOU UP JUST SO YOU COULD DRINK SOME MORE!
STOP DRINKING! YOU'RE SCARING ME OVER HERE!
TEQUILA IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR WATER, YOU KNOW!

HIC UP
EVERY TIME I LOOK AT YOU, I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF.
WHY DON'T YOU STOP DRIVING ME CRAZY ALREADY?
BOY, THAT SMILE OF YOURS...
INC.
E-I-C

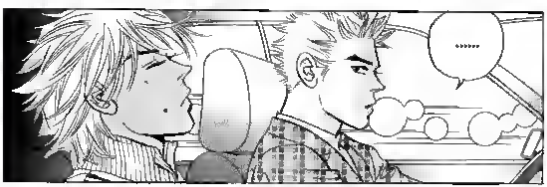
GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU PERVERT!
.....
BLAM
CALL ME A PERVERT FOR ALL YOU WANT, BUT I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU EVERY TIME I SEE YOU.
JUST DON'T GO OVERBOARD. YOU MAKE ME SICK EVERY TIME I LOOK AT YOU.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?! CAN YOU SIT THERE AND HONESTLY TELL ME THAT I DON'T TREAT YOU THE BEST OUT OF EVERYONE AROUND YOU?!

SHUT UP! I NEED SOMEONE I CAN DESPISE RIGHT NOW, NOT SOMEONE I CAN BE THANKFUL FOR.
WHY DO YOU LIVE THIS WAY?!
CALL IT A BIRTHRIGHT.
SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY WRONG YOU SEEM TO BECOME LONELIER AS THE DAYS GO BY ON TOP OF THAT YOU NEVER TALKED TO ME THIS WAY BEFORE...
HEY, DAI! THERE YOU ARE.
OH, HELLO.

I SEE YOU'VE HAD MORE THAN YOUR SHARE, COME ON, LET'S GO HOME.

WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU THESE DAYS?
IS THERE SOMETHING GOING ON BETWEEN YOU AND FATHER?

YOO..?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DO YOU WANT TO HEAR A FUNNY STORY?

I SAW YOUR FRIEND WHILE I WAS DRIVING BY THE OTHER DAY.

YOU KNOW I'M SEEING THAT GIRL NAMED YOONEUN, RIGHT?
ANYWAY, I CAUGHT HER WITH YOUR PRETTY FRIEND...
KISSING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.
WHAT'S THE MATTER ALL OF A SUDDEN?
OOF!
HEY,
YOU OKAY?

BARF
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BARF
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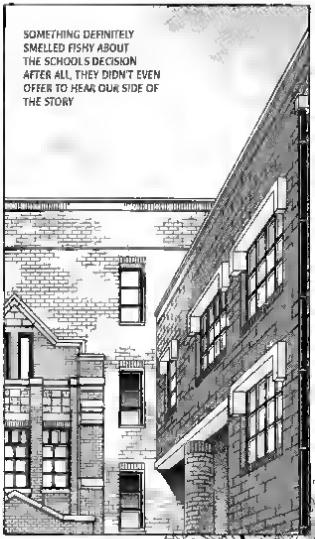
HUFF...
HUFF...

WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP SO LATE, HUN?
OH... HI, MOM. I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASLEEP
HOW ARE YOUR EYES?
DON'T WORRY, MOM. IT'S OKAY NOW.
NO ONE UNDERSTOOD
OUR TEARS... HOW THEY ROLLED DOWN OUR CHEEKS. KEEPING EVEN THAT PAIN ONLY TO OURSELVES.

THE SCHOOL LEVIED
A HEFTY PUNISHMENT
ON US AFTER OUR SCUFFLE
IN THE AUDITORIUM
THOUGH THE PENALTY
SEEMED A BIT SUBJECTIVE
ON THE SCHOOL'S PART
IT FELT LIKE WE WERE
THE ONES BEING PUSHED
AROUND FOR SOME REASON

THIS IS ABSURD! HOW COULD YOU HAND OUT SUCH A HARSH PUNISHMENT FOR SOMETHING SO MINOR?
WATCH YOURSELF, MS. JIN!
BESIDES, HOW CAN YOU CALL IT "MINOR?!"
DON'T YOU KNOW A GANG FIGHT IS GROUNDS FOR A SERIOUS PENALTY?!
ON TOP OF THAT, THEY DESTROYED SCHOOL PROERTY WHILE FIGHTING
IF THAT'S INDEED THE CASE, THEN I BELIEVE THE PUNISHMENT SHOULD BE LEVIED IMPARTIALLY UPON ALL THOSE INVOLVED.
WHY ARE YOU SO THICK-HEADED?!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE ONLY THEIR WORDS TO GO BY SINCE WE WEREN'T THERE OURSELVES?!


SOMETHING DEFINITELY SMELLED FISHY ABOUT THE SCHOOL'S DECISION AFTER ALL, THEY DIDN'T EVEN OFFER TO HEAR OUR SIDE OF THE STORY

WHAT'S EVEN MORE INTERESTING WAS THE FACT THAT THE SO CALLED "DIA TRIBE" DID NOT IMPLICATE DAI WITH THE WHOLE SITUATION.

AS IF WE WERE BEING SHUNNED..THE SCHOOL CAME TO A ONE SIDED DECISION WITHOUT EVEN GIVING US A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN

I COULDN'T HELP BUT BELIEVE OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE BEATING OF OUR VICE PRINCIPAL THAT NIGHT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH ALL THIS.
THE ONLY THING WE HAD TO BE GRATEFUL FOR WAS THAT GOOHEE WAS KEPT OUT OF IT
BWSH
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE SUSPENDED DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN SLEEP IN!
MOM, WILL YOU STOP SAYING THAT?! I DON'T NEED A REMINDER THAT I'VE BEEN SUSPENDED!

IT JUST SURPRISES ME TO FIND OUT THAT YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, GOT SUSPENDED.
WHAP!
I'VE NEVER EVEN DREAMED OF YOU GETTING IN SUCH TROUBLE...
COME ON, MOM...
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT YOUR SUSPENSION BUT TRY TO LEARN FROM IT AND MOVE ON!
I'M GOING TO BE WORKING LATE TONIGHT SO I WANT YOU TO FIX DINNER, OKAY?
WASH UP AND COME ON OUT. BREAKFAST IS READY.
YES, MA'AM.

EVER SINCE I CAME BACK HOME, I NOTICE MY MOM HAS BEEN OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EVERYTHING
HER ENTHUSIASM ONLY MADE IT FEEL AS IF WE ARE RUNNING AWAY FROM OUR TROUBLES THAN OVERCOMING THEM
TNK
CLACK
I M SORRY, MOM
FOR WHAT?
FOR ALL T HE TROUBLE I'VE CAUSED RECENTLY
WHAT CAN I DO? YOU TOLD ME YOU'RE CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF YOUR OWN BUSINESS
AFTER ALL, THIS IS YOUR LIFE.

WHAT'S FUNNY IS THAT THOSE WORDS ARE THE SAME WORDS I SAID TO YOUR GRANDFATHER WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
YOU DID?
IF THERE ARE WORDS THAT CANNOT BE RECANTED BETWEEN A PARENT AND A KID,
THOSE SURELY ARE THEM.
AFTER ALL, A PARENT CANNOT STOP WORRYING ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN UNTIL THE MOMENT THEY PASS ON.
DON'T WORRY, MOM! I PROMISE NOT TO DO ANYTHING THAT WILL WORRY YOU ANYMORE.
WHY YOU ASK?
IT'S BECAUSE I'VE PUT A KNIFE TO THE HEART OF SOMEONE OF WHOM I CARE FOR THE MOST
...

...
YOU WILL SOON UNDERSTAND HOW IT FEELS, SON...
EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY NOT UNDERSTAND IT NOW,
THERE ARE THINGS...
YES, THERE ARE THINGS WHICH CAN ONLY BE UNDERSTOOD THROUGH EXPERIENCE.
THAT'S HOW A PARENT FEELS TOWARD HIS OR HER CHILD.
EVERYTHING SEEMS SO DISTANT
WILL THAT DAY TRULY ARRIVE FOR ME?
PERHAPS

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WHAT'S GOING ON?! HAVEN'T WE WAITED LONG ENOUGH?!
MRS. HAGI, PLEASE CALM DOWN! PERFORMING A SURGERY AT THIS STAGE IN THE GAME WOULD BE DANGEROUS
BUT, IF YOU HAD PERFORMED THE SURGERY EARLIER, THIS WOULDN'T BE HAPPENING TO HIM!
HE'LL SLIP IN AND OUT OF CONSCIOUSNESS.
HIS CONDITION IS CRITICAL. WE DO NOT KNOW IF HE WILL PUSH THROUGH THE NIGHT
BUT... WE DID EVERYTHING YOU TOLD US TO...

PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
THIS JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
MOM!
HOW COULD YOU LET THIS HAPPEN?!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW MUCH THAT MAN MEANS TO US?!
MOM!
I'M SORRY, MA'AM, BUT WE'VE BEEN DOING ALL THAT WE CAN.
WELL THEN, WHAT'S BEEN THE USE OF THAT?!
MOM, CALM DOWN!
MOM!

TH, THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! SO?
MOM, LOOK AT ME!
OH, GOD...
MOM, LOOK AT ME!
MOM...
I HAVE FAITH IN DAD.
HE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON THAT WOULD EVER ABANDON US LIKE THAT.

MOM...
DON'T YOU HAVE FAITH IN HIM, TOO?
...
YOUR HUSBAND HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.
HE WISHES TO SEE YOU.
GO AHEAD I'LL BE IN A LITTLE LATER.
I DON'T WANT YOUR FATHER TO SEE ME LIKE THIS.
I'LL GO IN FIRST AND SEE HOW HE'S DOING.
HURRY UP, OKAY?

...
DAD...
OH MY GOD!
...
KIDDO, DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
DAD, DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

WOW~ YOUR WRINKLES ARE ALL GONE.
AND YOU LOOK LIKE A BALLOON.
YOU'D ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A LARDO. ALL THE SWELLING SEEMS TO HAVE MADE YOUR WISH COME TRUE.
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW BAD I MUST LOOK TO YOU.
SON... HELP ME UP.
HOW COULD SOMEONE SWELL UP SO MUCH OVERNIGHT? HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S ABOUT TO EXPLODE.
DAD, ARE YOU IN A LOT OF PAIN?
HUFF! HUFF!

HANG ON, LEMME GO GET MOM AND THE DOCTOR!
I'M OKAY...
I'M... OKAY, NARU...
I HAVE SO MUCH I WANT TO TELL YOU, BUT... I'M AFRAID I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
NO...
LISTEN TO ME... SON...
JUST IN CASE... I DON'T MAKE IT, I WANT... YOU TO...
TAKE GOOD CARE OF MOM, AND YOUR BROTHER AND SISTER.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
NO!

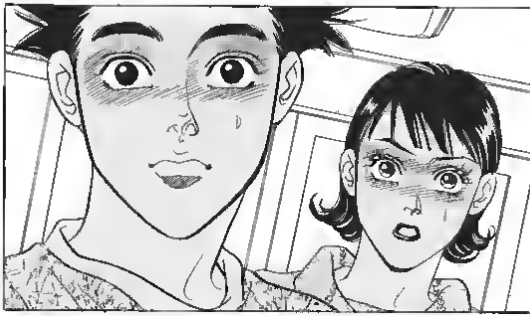
YOU'VE... ALWAYS BEEN A STRONG... KID, SO I KNOW... YOU'LL... DO WELL.
NO!
NO!
YOU KNOW... YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE...
NO!
NO...
DAD, NO! WE COULDN'T GO ON WITHOUT YOU! NO... YOU CAN'T!
TH, THIS IS KILLING ME... I WISH THIS NIGHTMARE WOULD STOP.

NARU...
DON'T WORRY EVERYTHING WILL... GET... BETTER SOON.
YOU KNOW... THAT GIRL?
WILL YOU... INTRODUCE ME TO HER... ONE OF THESE DAYS?
YOU KNOW, THE ONE YOU... CARED SO MUCH ABOUT... EUNHYUNG RIGHT?
I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW... I'VE ALWAYS WANTED... TO MEET HER.
DAD...
I'M SORRY, DAD YOU LL NEVER... GET TO MEET HER.

NEVER!
I'LL... MAKE SURE YOU NEVER MEET HER!
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
RIGHT... RIGHT... COUGH
I'LL NEVER... BE ABLE TO... MEET HER. COUGH
DAD!
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF

DAD! TRY TO RELAX, DAD!
I... SAID I'LL... BE... FINE...
DON'T SAY ANYTHING.
DAD, HANG ON. I REALLY SHOULD GO GET MOM AND THE DOCTOR--
NARU... DON'T... EVER FORGET...
YOU'VE ALWAYS... BEEN, AND... WILL... ALWAYS BE, A STRONG... BOY..

I... LOVE YOU.
HUFF
HUFF
COUGH
MOM!
MOM, WHERE ARE YOU?!
HURRY! HURRY!



HONEY...?
HONEY!
I'M AFRAID HE PASSED AWAY.
NO! NO... THAT CAN'T BE!
HE, HE WAS FINE UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO.

HE WOULDN'T LEAVE ME LIKE THAT... I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE.
I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO SHARE HIS LAST MOMENTS!
DAD
HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO US?
HOW ?
D

DAD... DAD... HOW COULD YOU LEAVE US BEHIND?
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
DAD... COME BACK.
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
PLEASE COME BACK TO US! PLEASE!
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN AND... WILL ALWAYS BE A STRONG... BOY...
YOU'VE... ALWAYS BEEN A STRONG... KID. SO I KNOW... YOU'LL... DO WELL.
COME BACK... PLEASE COME BACK, DAD NONE OF US CAN GO ON WITHOUT YOU...

THAT FALL ROBBED US OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS, SWEEPING THEM AWAY AS THOUGH THEY WERE DEAD LEAVES
NARU HAD BEEN WAITING FOR A FAR HARSHER SHOCK AFTER HIS SUSPENSION AND IT CAME
KNOCK KNOCK
HELLO, SIR.
WELCOME, NARU. I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.

HAVING BEEN THE ONLY ONE TO WITNESS HIS FATHER'S FINAL MOMENTS, NARU WANTED TO SHOULDER THE BURDEN OF CARING FOR HIS FAMILY THROUGH GOOD TIMES AND BAD.

FOR NARU, SCHOOL NO LONGER MATTERED NOW THAT HE HAD TO TAKE ON COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS FAMILY. EVEN BEFORE HE WAS ABLE TO SOOTHE HIS SORROW.

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DA!!
DA!!
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU FOR A MINUTE.

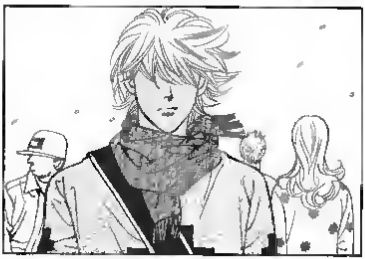
LET'S WALK TOGETHER, SO I CAN HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.
DO YOU EVER GET A GOOD LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR?
WH, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TIRED EVERYONE IS OF YOUR ANNOYING FACE.
WHAT...?!

WHY ARE YOU STILL ALWAYS IN MY FACE, EVEN THOUGH I'VE GONE TO SCHOOL EVERY SINGLE DAY, HAVE STAYED OUT OF TROUBLE, AND HAVE BEEN DOING MY WORK?
OR IS IT THAT YOU'RE JUST UPSET YOU FAILED, SINCE I GOT INSPIRED TO TURN MY LIFE AROUND BECAUSE OF MY FATHER, AND NOT YOU?
YOU'RE WRONG, DAE!
I'M ACTUALLY HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT JAEHEE GETTING SUSPENDED
I

ENOUGH ALREADY!
EVERY TIME I SEE YOU, YOU MAKE ME CURSE THAT I'M STILL A FUCKING STUDENT!
WILL YOU JUST LISTEN TO ME FOR A MINUTE?! YOU'RE COMPLETELY MISTAKEN I'M TELLING YOU!
MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO PUT JAEHEE AT THE TOP OF THE LIST OF STUDENTS THAT NEED CRANGELA'S PITY?
DAII
DAII

I SAW THAT PRETTY BOY YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH AND YOONEUN KISSING IN PUBLIC. PRETTY BOLD, HUH?

... KISSING IN PUBLIC PRETTY BOLD, HUH?



HOW ?
HOW?
HOW
JUST HOW COULD LOVE CHANGE?

HOW
HOW COULD OUR LOVE DISSIPATE IN A WISP OF SMOKE?
HOW
CAN LOVE
CAN LOVE HURT?

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! THERE ARE PEOPLE AROUND!

UGH, WHAT PSYCHO KIDS!
PUFF
PUFF
WHISPER
SEE?
THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING
OH, SO YOU RE EMBARRASSED TO KISS ME IN PUBLIC? IS THAT RIGHT?

IT'S JUST THAT THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE HERE... UM, I'VE GOTTA GO MEET SOMEONE.
ANYWAY, THAT WASN'T SUCH A "DAI" THING TO SAY.
"MEET SOMEONE?"
WHO?
...YOONEUN.

DID YOU JUST SAY "YOONEUN?"
UM, YEAH...
WELL, THEN GO!
JUST GO!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "JUST GO?!" DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LONG I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND YOU?!
DAII
GET OUT OF MY FACE!
DAII
DAII

DAI!
DAI!
DAI!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
WHY'RE YOU FOLLOWING ME? DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO GET OUT OF MY FACE?
I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOU.
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS TORTURE ME LIKE THIS?

THIS IS SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS. THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D GET IT, SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST RUN ALONG TO YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE BITCH, YOONEUN?
WHAT...?
ARE YOU BEING LIKE THIS ALL BECAUSE OF HER?
IS THAT WHAT THIS IS?!
I ALREADY HAVE ALL KINDS OF EMOTIONAL SHIT TO DEAL WITH WHY WOULD I GO AND ADD JEALOUSY TO THE MIX?
WERE YOU REALLY ALWAYS THAT KINDA PUNK? WAIT— DID YOU EVEN REALLY KNOW ME?

I...
LATELY, I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH HELL BECAUSE OF YOU.
FOR ONCE, LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING.
EXACTLY WHAT DO I MEAN TO YOU?

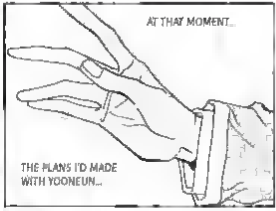
WHAT DO YOU "MEAN TO ME?"
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A STUPID HEADACHE!
YOU NEVER TALKED THAT WAY ABOUT ME BEFORE
YOU USED TO TELL ME I WAS EVERYTHING TO YOU.
FINE, IF WE'RE GONNA GO THERE. WHAT AM I TO YOU?

DAL... YOU'RE MY EVERY BREATH.
WITHOUT YOU, I CAN'T EVEN BREATHE.

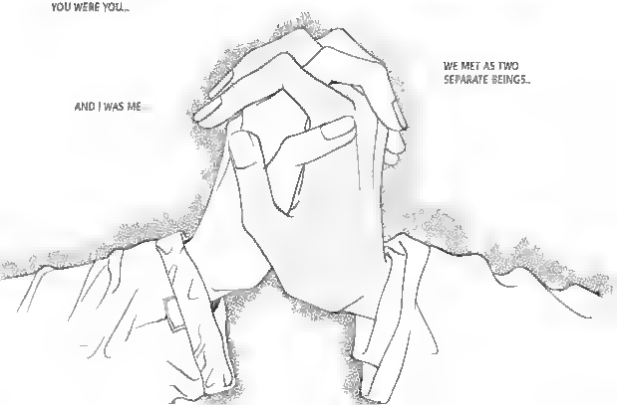
BUT THEN...
YOU STARTED AVOIDING ME. WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DO THAT?
YOU ALWAYS ASK WHY I *HAD TO* DO THINGS.
INSTEAD OF ASKING *WHY* I JUST DID THEM.
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
WELL, THE FIRST OPTION MAKES IT SOUND LIKE I PLANNED IT ALL OUT.

SO, DOES THAT MEAN...
OUR RELATIONSHIP IS SHAKY NOW?
JAEHEE, DON'T GO.
DON'T GO TO THAT BITCH.

I WON'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT YOU


AT THAT MOMENT...
THE PLANS I'D MADE WITH YOONEUN...

MEANT NOTHING TO ME.


YOU WERE YOU...
AND I WAS ME...
WE MET AS TWO SEPARATE BEINGS...

WE HAD BECOME ONE AT SOME POINT
AND THERE WAS NEVER ANY ROOM FOR ANYONE ELSE.
RRRING
RRRING

HEY, YOOBEUM I'M NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TODAY.. I'M SORRY
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HELLO?
WELL, WHAT A SURPRISE! WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU'VE ACTUALLY CALLED ME FOR A CHANGE?
YOU DON'T SOUND SO GOOD. HAVE YOU BEEN CRYING?
I HAVE, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY...
BUT I JUST... CAN'T STOP.
I FEEL AWFUL FOR ASKING .. BUT I COULD REALLY USE SOME COMPANY RIGHT NOW

HOLD ON.
I'LL BE RIGHT
THERE.
click
I'M SO SORRY
EUNHYUNG...
I'VE KNOWN IT
ALL ALONG
I KNEW I NEVER MEANT
ANYTHING TO JAEHEE.
NOW MATTER
HOW MANY TIMES
I CONFESS MY FEELINGS
NO MATTER HOW MUCH
I BEG FOR HIS LOVE
I KNOW I'LL NEVER GET BACK
THE TIME AND HEARTACHE
I SPENT ON JAEHEE,
TRYING TO GET HIM
TO CARE ABOUT NO
ONE ELSE BUT ME.

JAEHEE. I KNOW YOU HAVE ANOTHER LOVE...
AND I KNOW THAT I CAN'T BE THAT PERSON TO YOU
BUT WHY CAN'T I JUST LET GO OF YOU? MAYBE I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE SELF THAT I ALWAYS IMAGINE SEEING IN YOUR EYES?

I FEEL SO STUPID AND ASHAMED BY MY RACING HEART... BY HOW MISERABLY SAD I FEEL BECAUSE OF YOU

HONESTLY... I ENVY THE INDIFFERENCE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO TURN AWAY FROM ME SO CASUALLY
ALL OF THIS ONLY MAKES ME FEEL SO PATHETIC
I FEEL SO PATHETIC
SO PATHETIC...

SOMEONE MUST HAVE HURT HER BADLY FOR HER TO CRY LIKE THAT
SHE'D BETTER HAVE COME AROUND BY NOW...

YOO! LEE, YOU'VE GOT TO BE PATIENT!
AS SOON AS I'VE GOT HER IN MY GRASP, SHE'LL REALIZE THAT I'M NOT SOME PUPPET SHE CAN JERK AROUND WHENEVER SHE FEELS LIKE IT
DOES SHE EVEN REALIZE HOW MUCH EFFORT I'M PUTTING INTO HER?
YEAH. LET ME BE A LITTLE MORE PATIENT
JUST YOU WAIT, YOONEUN SONG!

Tattoo
SO, YOU WANT A TATTOO?
YES.
WHY?
YOU KNOW, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AREN'T ALLOWED TO HAVE TATTOOS.*
I'VE DROPPED OUT.
BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M JUST GETTING A TATTOO TO BE COOL.

*NOTE IN KOREAN SOCIETY, TATTOOS GENERALLY CARRY A NEGATIVE STIGMA. THEY ARE SPORTED BY MANY IN THE KOREAN MAFIA AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE GET THEM TO LOOK TOUGH AND INTIMIDATING

REALLY?
OKAY, LET'S START THE COUNSELING SESSION
THE COUNSELING SESSION?
YES... I USUALLY DEVOTE A LOT OF TIME TO COUNSELING MY PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GETTING INTO.
YOU SEE, GETTING A TATTOO WILL IN A WAY MEAN CARRYING A RESPONSIBILITY THAT YOU'LL HAVE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
TATTOOS ARE PERMANENT AND YOU CAN'T CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT THEM AS IF THEY WERE THE LATEST FASHION TREND. IF YOU GO UNDER THE PEN, THE TATTOO WILL BE A LIFELONG PARTNER TO YOU.

I NEVER REALIZED THAT GETTING A TATTOO HAD SUCH PROFOUND CONSEQUENCES.
WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY I TALK TO MY CLIENTS, SO I CAN LEARN ABOUT THEIR LIVES AND PERSONAL REASONS FOR WANTING TO GET ONE.
I WANT TO GIVE THEM A DESIGN THAT THEY'LL BE HAPPY WITH FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES..
WELL, I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT IT.
THEN TELL ME.
IF YOU ONLY WANT ONE JUST BECAUSE IT LOOKS COOL, OR IS A HIP TREND, OR YOU THINK YOU'RE JUST PUTTING SOME FUN STICKER ON YOUR BODY,
YOU'LL SOON TIRE OF IT AND REGRET YOU HAD IT DONE.
THAT WOULD REALLY BE THE WRONG WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT.
AS I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED, THE TATTOO WILL BECOME PART OF YOUR BODY.

PRECISELY THE REASON I WANT THESE TATTOOS.
YOU SEE, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO I WANT TO REMEMBER FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
OH?
ONE TATTOO WOULD BE FOR MY FATHER...
AND THE OTHER FOR MY FIRST LOVE.
DO YOU REALIZE THAT CERTAIN MEMORIES CAN BE HAPPY ONE DAY AND AGONIZING THE NEXT?
EVEN BETTER.
IT'LL MAKE ME FEEL CONNECTED TO THEM ONCE AGAIN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?!
THE THING IS, I'VE LOST THEM... I'LL NEVER SEE EITHER OF THEM AGAIN, AT LEAST NOT IN THIS LIFETIME.
OH, I'M SO SORRY-- I DIDN'T REALIZE...
IT'S OKAY. YOU CAN CRY IF YOU NEED TO.

I'M SORRY YOU'VE EXPERIENCED SUCH LOSS, EVEN BEFORE I HAVE.
SO YOU'RE SURE YOU WON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS THEN?
OF COURSE NOT.
LET'S SEE..
ACTUALLY, YOUR SKIN MIGHT BE TOO DELICATE.
IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MIGHT GET INFECTED?
NOT A CHANCE. ALL THE EQUIPMENT USED IS THOROUGHLY STERILIZED TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN.
CLEANLINESS IS FUNDAMENTAL WHEN IT COMES TO TATTOOING. IT'S THE FIRST THING WE LEARN, AND WE TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY!
AND IN YOUR CASE I'LL ALSO BE KEEPING IN MIND HOW SENSITIVE YOUR SKIN IS- SO DON'T WORRY!
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT CLEANLINESS AND ART WERE SO CLOSELY LINKED
HAVE SENSITIVE SKIN

TATTOOS SOUND LIKE THEY ARE A LIVING ART
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M IMPRESSED. HA HA.
TATTOOS ARE A SYMBOLIC EXPRESSION OF HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR LIFE.
I COULD GIVE YOU ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TATTOOS THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN, BUT ITS ARTISTIC VALUE WOULD BE LOST ALONG WITH THE MEANING OF YOUR LIFE...
SHOULD YOU RECKLESSLY FORGET WHY YOU GOT THEM.
THAT'S WHY THEY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED THE MOST PERSONALIZED FORM OF ART.
ISN'T THAT COOL?
YEAH!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S DISPENSE WITH THE SMALL TALK. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MY PREVIOUS WORKS?
NO, THAT'S OKAY, LIKE I SAID, I ALREADY HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND

AND WHAT IS IT?
DRAW ME A TATTOO OF A BUTTERFLY WHERE I CAN'T SEE IT.
WHY A BUTTERFLY?
I MEAN ON MY BACK...
A BUTTERFLY, SO I CAN FLY AWAY WITH HER..
SHE FLEW AWAY, BUT THEN SHE CRASHED...
I WANT HER TO SOAR WITHIN ME ALWAYS,
SO THAT SHE'LL NEVER HAVE TO FALL AGAIN..

I'D ALSO LIKE ANOTHER ONE ON MY CHEST.
AND WHAT'LL BE THE MEANING BEHIND THAT ONE?
I'M NOT SURE
MAYBE I CAN TAKE MY FATHER'S ROLE FOR MY FAMILY?
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN TRY AND RELIEVE THE PAIN MY FAMILY HAS BEEN FORCED TO SUFFER.
HE'LL BEAT WITHIN MY HEART AS LONG AS I LIVE.
IT SOUNDS LIKE HE WAS AN AWESOME DAD.
YEAH, HE WAS. I DON'T THINK THERE ARE TOO MANY DADS LIKE HIM OUT THERE
HE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN AROUND LONG, BUT I WAS A LUCKY SON TO BE BORN TO SUCH A GOOD GUY.